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WITH

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

> AL German OS 41 08 593

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AL was cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination proceedings for the German application corresponding to the present United States application.

A copy of Reference AL together with Form 1449 is submitted herewith.

An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language Abstract is attached thereto which constitutes a summary of its teachings.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the present application, and is thus in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and therefore no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of Reference AL. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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